

New Mexico Breeding Birds Atlas
Rare Breeding Bird Report Form

To be useful for the breeding bird atlas project, all sightings of rare breeding birds must be documented with a written description. This form will allow quick confirmation as well as provide a permanent record of one's sighting. Fill the form out thoroughly and get it to your Regional Organizer as soon as possible, or send the form to the New Mexico Breeding Bird Atlas Project, 947 Quartz Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544.

Species _____ Atlas breeding code _____

Number _____ Age (adult-juvenile) _____ Sex _____

Date observed _____ Time observed: From _____ To _____

Quad name (optional) _____ If in a block, give block # _____

County _____ Elevation _____

Description of location (Lat/Long, UTM, or landmarks.) _____

Nearest town _____

Habitat _____

Other observers _____

Light conditions _____ Distance from bird _____

Optical equipment used _____

Notes taken: at time of sighting _____ from memory after sighting _____

How well was the bird seen? _____

On the back side of this sheet, describe the bird in detail including size, shape, color of bill, throat, breast, belly, flanks, wings, back, rump, tail, feet and so on. Include any features unique to this bird.

Describe all behaviors observed: _____

Describe songs or calls heard: _____

Field marks seen or not: _____

Variations in expected field marks: _____

List similar species. Describe your process of elimination used for each species. _____

What is your experience with this or related species? _____

What references did you consult for identification? _____

What additional materials are included with this report? Drawings, photos, or tape recordings are very helpful. _____

Name _____ Signature _____

Street address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone number () _____ E-mail _____